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CRIT member dies in action in Afghanistan

Pfc. Ara Tyler Deysie, 18, from Parker, remembered for service to his country

CRIT lost one of its young people in May as a tribal member serving in Afghanistan was killed in action.

Pfc. Ara Tyler Deysie, 18, died on May 9 in a grenade attack in Afghanistan's Paktia province. A member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, he was one of several soldiers who lost their lives from the 101st that week in Afghanistan.



Pfc. Deysie

Deysie was a Parker resident who enlisted in the military earlier this year. His mother, Lori, told The Associated Press that he had dreamed of being a soldier since he was 4 years old. Two services were held locally for Deysie, a religious service on May 18 and a military and Indian service on May 19. He was laid to rest at the CRIT Cemetery.

According to the AP report, Lori Deysie characterized her son as a jokester and a handful.

"Once he decided what he wanted to do, he made sure he got his way and got to do it, and that was to go into the military," she told the Associated Press on Mother's Day from her home in Parker.

Deysie signed up for the military in February after continually asking his mother for permission.

"Since he signed up for the military, I've just been sick," Lori Deysie told the Associated Press.

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CRIT members hit Fenway Park



(Above) Members of the McCabe family enjoy the game on Native American Day.

(Left) Shawna McCabe, from the Navajo Nation sang the flag song and a piece of the National Anthem that day, accompanied by tribal member Forrest McCabe.

Ellsbury's performance inspires Red Sox to host Native American Day

A large contingent of CRIT members made the trip to Boston for the Boston Red Sox' Native American Day festivities on April 11.

CRIT member Jacoby Ellsbury is an outfielder for the defending World Series champion Red Sox, who honored Ellsbury's heritage as part of a series of events they scheduled to celebrate the heritages of some of their players.

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CRIT allocates more than \$43K to projects

CRIT has allocated more than \$43,000 from its Tribal gaming contribution to community needs in La Paz County. The contribution, part of the compact between the Tribe and the State of Arizona that governs certain kinds of Indian gaming, is the latest in CRIT's sharing of gaming revenues with the community.

The projects included:

- Dedicating \$12,000 to purchase new bleachers and shade covers for Parker Ball Park.
- Dedicating \$25,000 to the County's Meals on Wheels program for the purchase of a new van for the service, with any additional revenue going toward operations and maintenance.
- Dedicating \$6,000 to the county for the

purchase of a permanent shade structure for use at the Parker Cemetery.

"We are pleased to be able to help La Paz County and its residents improve our overall quality of life with these funds," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "These amenities will help our community serve our children, elderly and families, which is precisely what we believe proceeds of Indian gaming should be used for."

In the past, CRIT has helped to fund several other critical programs, including improvements to La Paz County Hospital and enhancements to the Quartzsite Public Library, Salome and Wenden Community Center, and Parker Swimming Pool.

News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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Never forget sacrifices made by brave tribal members in military

For decades, Native Americans have made significant sacrifices and served our country admirably in times of war.

That’s especially true for many members of our own Colorado River Indian Tribes, which proudly boasts a history of service that includes Navajo code talkers and veterans of every foreign conflict since World War I.

Our members continue to make us proud and protect America today — dozens of tribal members have served in our most recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

And tragically, we have recently been reminded of the sacrifices made by our young people and families with the passing of Pfc. Ara Tyler Deysie.

He was killed on May 9 while serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Afghanistan. At age 18, he had only been in the military for a few short months before being sent into combat duty.

Deysie had talked about joining the military when he was only 4 years old — a sign of just how committed he and his family are to the country he served.

His mother, Lori, spoke in an Associated Press article about how, even though his death was so tragic, he at least was able to realize that lifelong dream of serving his country.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes offers its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Pfc. Deysie. Many of us were touched by the funeral services that took place a couple of weeks ago on the CRIT reservation.

We hope his family will take solace in knowing that he was able to achieve a dream he had since he was a child, and that his service and honor are admired and appreciated by all of us.

We all hope we will see the day where our young people no longer need to make such sacrifices in the name of freedom. Until then, though, we know that our people will always answer our nation’s call and perform their duties with honor and pride.

And until then, we should all continue to keep them in our hearts and our prayers, and never forget the sacrifices they make on a daily basis for our country.

CRIT aims for changes to electric utility

CRIT is currently supporting legislation in the U.S. Congress that would change the way that the BIA Electric, which serves most of the CRIT Reservation, operates.

The changes would take place through a bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, whose district includes the CRIT Reservation. CRIT would like more input and oversight of the utility’s operations, and the legislation would accomplish those goals in two key ways.

First, currently BIA Electric generally generates more revenue than it spends (although, because it’s a government agency, it can’t be considered “profit”). Those excess funds are placed into an account that’s earmarked for emergencies.

The bill would still allow those funds to be used for emergencies, but would also allow them to be used to create a Tribal Energy Department, which would have input on how the utility is operated and what improvements are made.

Second, BIA Electric currently serves most but not all of the CRIT Reservation. Since power from BIA Electric is cheaper than other providers, CRIT would like to extend its coverage to cover the entire CRIT Reservation.

Additionally, CRIT believes that a Tribal Energy Department would allow the Tribes to expand its economic opportunities by branching out into renewable energy sources.

CRIT Tribal Council Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo traveled to Washington, D.C. a few weeks ago to testify on CRIT’s behalf in favor of the legislation.

“CRIT has significant, but unrealized potential for energy development,” Welsh-Tahbo said. “CRIT has a sizable amount of undeveloped land in both Arizona and California, and — perhaps most importantly — our reservation is strategically located at the cross-road of several major interstate energy transmission corridors for both electricity and natural gas and in a high solar radiation belt.

“These major resources invite major CRIT electric energy developments, including renewable solar and other forms of renewable electricity generation, as well as more conventional thermal and pumped storage installations,” she added.

“Opportunities also exist for alternate fuels, namely biofuel and compressed natural gas production. The only thing missing is the funding that CRIT needs to develop a TERA (tribal energy department) and to establish the administrative and regulatory structure that Congress envisioned when it passed the 2005 Energy Act,” she said.

The bill also contained some provisions that assist other Native American tribes throughout the country. It is currently awaiting a vote of the House of Representatives.

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Planning nears completion for new Wal-Mart

Construction of new shopping center in Parker could begin in mid-2009

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has announced plans to build a new 120,000-sq-ft shopping center in Parker, Ariz. The center is expected to be completed by late 2009 or early 2010. The center will include a 120,000-sq-ft shopping center and a 10,000-sq-ft parking lot. The center will be owned and operated by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The center will be located on the corner of Highway 191 and Highway 191.

Film intertwines CRIT, internees

CRIT Tribal Council Secretary Valerie Welsh-Tahbo is the star of a new film, "The Intertwined Lives of Valerie Welsh-Tahbo and the Japanese American Internment." The film tells the story of Valerie's life and the Japanese American internment. The film is directed by Valerie's son, Dennis Welsh, Jr. The film is currently in production and is expected to be released in 2009.

Free tax preparation offered for members

The CRIT Tribal Council is offering free tax preparation for its members. The service is available to all members of the CRIT Tribal Council. The service is provided by a professional tax preparer. The service is available to all members of the CRIT Tribal Council. The service is provided by a professional tax preparer.

We want to hear from you!

The Manataba Messenger encourages letters to the editor. You may submit letters with a maximum of 250 words; letters longer than that will be edited for length.

You are also encouraged to submit story ideas, anniversaries, birthdays and other announcements.

Send letters and story ideas to:
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to
feedback@critonline.com

Moore promoted in Miss Indian Arizona



This picture was taken during the regular Tribal Council meeting of April 12 when an introduction and reception was held to honor Jaymee Li Moore for her promotion to the 1st Attendant position in Miss Indian Arizona. She is pictured with Veronica Homer, member of the Miss Indian Arizona Association.

Like Vegas, other casinos, BlueWater feels effects of economic downturn

Drops in gaming revenue, higher gas prices impact industry nationwide

The combined impact of an economic downturn and higher gas prices are being felt throughout the gaming industry, including the BlueWater Resort and Casino, which is feeling the effects as well.

The economic downturn has resulted in lower gaming revenues nationwide, even in places like Las Vegas. Gaming revenues had been thought to be “recession proof” for many years, but recent news articles have documented a downturn in gaming revenues in both the bigger and smaller gaming markets.

High gas prices add to the downturn, which particularly affect “destination” gaming sites such as the BlueWater, which relies heavily on people driving in from southern California and from the Phoenix area.

The result has led to restructuring by casino management and the CRIT Tribal Council.

Gaming revenues go directly toward funding critical tribal services and programs serving the entire tribal population. In order to preserve and fully fund those critical tribal services, casino operations and staffing budgets have been trimmed in order to maximize revenues.

One area where costs have been cut has been in casino staffing. Since early this year, casino management has been trying to eliminate positions through attrition — when an employee leaves, a replacement is not hired.

However, in late May, the Tribal Council, upon recommendation from casino management, approved layoffs of a number of BlueWater employees.

The move will allow the BlueWater to continue to operate efficiently while maximizing the revenue going to tribal programs for elders, youth and public safety, among numerous other services.

“Like nearly everyone we are feeling the effects of high gas prices and a struggling economy,” said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. “The BlueWater Resort and Casino is one of the primary revenue sources for our people, and one of our top priorities must be to ensure that it is generating the revenue needed for important tribal services.

“We have every confidence this will be the case and like any business we are taking prudent steps to get the job done. And we hope that in the future, when economic conditions improve and revenues increase, that we can rehire some of the affected individuals and positions.”

Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

- On June 7, the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding their 31st Annual Great Western Tube Float. Last year over 1,200 people participated in the annual event. The float gets started at Patria Flats and ends at the beach of BlueWater. To sign up for this event contact the Parker Area Chamber of Chamber at (928) 669-2174.

- BlueWater Resort & Casino is celebrating nine years of having fun on June 13, 14 and 15. On June 13 its BW Birthday Blackjack. On June 14 play Wild West Bingo, No Limit Hold-em, Native American arts and crafts, and live in the Amphitheatre it's the Honk Tonk Tailgate Party (see below). June 15 wraps up with Father's Day Bingo, a special menu in the BlueWater Grille and River Willow for Father's Day and the \$9,999 Grand Prize Drawing for the Perfect Nine promotion. Find out more online at BlueWaterfun.com

- On June 14, as part of BlueWater 9th Birthday Party, BlueWater proudly presents “The Honky Tonk Tailgate Party '08” featuring Mark Wills, Buddy Jewell, Ray Scott & Trent Willmon. Fireworks follow this concert. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 9 p.m. Tickets for this concert are now on sale in the Gift Shop for \$25 in advance and \$30 day of show.

- BlueWater proudly presents Smash Mouth on July 5. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 9 p.m. The BlueWater's Annual Fireworks Show will follow this concert. Tickets are now on sale in the Gift Shop for \$25 in advance and \$30 day of show.

Dig Lounge schedule

The following groups will be performing in the Dig Lounge for June and July:

- June 3-8 — “Kick,” with a female fronting a three-piece band playing Top 40, dance music and classic rock.

- June 10-15 — “Voo Doo,” with a female fronting a three-piece band playing Top 40, dance and classic rock.

- June 17-22 — “Swift Kick,” with a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50s through 90s.

- June 24-29 — “The Naturals,” with a female fronting a four-piece band playing a variety of dance music, Top 40 and classic rock.

- July 1-6 — “The Crush,” playing hits for the 70s and 80s, classic rock and disco, and current alternative dance.

- July 8-13 — “American Made,” with a female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music from the 50s and 60s, Top 40, disco, country and oldies.

- July 15-20 — “Big Happy,” with a female fronting a four-piece band playing classic rock and variety dance music.

- July 22-27 — “Swift Kick.”

The Dig Lounge bands play six days a week, Tuesday thru Sunday. Hours are from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Every Monday night in the Dig Lounge is Karaoke with Billy Joe Preston from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

CRIT Special Diabetes Program hosts community events

Submitted by the CRIT Special Diabetes Program

The CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program, in collaboration with the Teen Pregnancy Program and the Tobacco Education Prevention Program, has been out in our community promoting these simple lifestyle changes by sponsoring Fitness Fun Walks and Movie Nights.

On April 18 we had our first Fitness Fun Walk and Movie Night at Fifty Homes. A total of 38 community members and 19 families attended.

On May 8 our second Fitness Fun Walk and Movie Night was held at MoChem with a total of 81 community members and 35 families in attendance.

On May 22 our third Fitness Fun Walk and Movie Night was held at Desert Sun with 105 community members and 45 families participating.

We invited residents and their families to come out and walk, enjoy some healthy food and watch a movie. We provided blood sugars checks and information on the DPP, TPP and TEPP. We had raffles for all participants and they had a chance to win gym bags with sports and fitness equipment, iPods, Sirius satellite radio kits and gift cards to Nike and eBay. It was a fun fitness night for all participants and their families.

Our next Fitness Fun Walk and Movie Night will be June 13 at Western Park in Parker. Everyone is invited to come out and join us and bring your families. We will be having more Fitness Walks and other types of Community Events for the Tribal community and their families. We have plans to be out in all areas of



CRIT members enjoy some of the activities put on by the CRIT Special Diabetes Program in the month of May. More events are scheduled throughout the summer.

the reservation so watch for our flyers to see when we will be in your area.

The CRIT Special Diabetes Program for Indians Diabetes Prevention Program is a 5-year program grant funded by the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention. The grant funds two demonstration projects conducted at 66 sites across the United States. Here at CRIT we have the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), which targets individuals at high risk for developing type-2 diabetes and focuses on lifestyle changes through education and community activities. We are looking for Native Americans age 18 and older,

diagnosed with a condition called prediabetes and are eligible to be seen at the IHS Indian Hospital.

The DPP’s goal is to prevent those Native Americans with prediabetes from developing diabetes. We provide a 16-week curriculum, which teaches about exercising more, eating healthy food and losing weight, research has shown that it is possible to prevent diabetes through simple lifestyle changes such as these.

If you would like more information about our Diabetes Prevention Program, you can call us at (928) 669-8090 or drop by and see us at 12217 Kennedy Drive next to the WIC office.

CRIT Job Openings

The following are some of the jobs currently open with CRIT, courtesy of the Human Resources Department. For a full listing, visit the CRIT tribal web site at www.critonline.com.

Position: Bookkeeper/Weigh Master
Department: Colorado River Sand & Rock
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Executive Director
Department: Health & Social Services
Close date: Friday, June 20

Position: Fitness/Exercise Specialist
Department: DHS
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Native American Caregiver Coordinator
Department: Senior Center
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Community Health Representative (three positions)
Department: Health Services
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Foster Care Coordinator/

Case Manager
Department: Health Services
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Deputy Attorney General
Department: Office of the AG
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Security Guard
Department: Law & Order
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Enrollment Secretary
Department: Enrollment
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Surveillance Operator
Department: Tribal Gaming Agency
Posted: March 14, 2008

Position: Aha Quin Manager
Close date: Open until filled

Job descriptions, salary details and other information are at www.critonline.com. To apply for any of these positions, or for more information, please contact the CRIT Human Resources Department at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, 85344, or call them at (928) 669-1321.

Notice of Availability of Environmental Document, Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Notice of Open Forum Public Hearing Colorado River Bridge Replacement

	
WHAT'S BEING PLANNED	<p>The California Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Federal Highway Administration and the Arizona Department of Transportation, proposes construction of a bridge replacement located on the State Route-62 (SR-62) in San Bernardino County and State Route-95 Spur (SR-95S1) in La Paz County. The purpose of this project is to resolve the existing bridge's decreased structural integrity, maintain safe movement of vehicular traffic, and improve people and goods movement. The proposal consists of constructing a non-increasing capacity project to replace or widen/rehabilitate the existing Colorado River Bridge.</p>
WHY THIS NOTICE	<p>This notice is to inform you that the Department as the lead agency has prepared an Initial Study with a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.</p>
WHAT'S AVAILABLE	<p>The environmental document with the project description, location, and probable environmental effects is available for review at California Department of Transportation, District 8 (464 W. Fourth Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401) and Parker Public Library (1001 Navajo Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344).</p>
WHERE YOU COME IN	<p>Are there environmental issues or concerns that you have regarding the proposed project? You may submit written comments until June 16, 2008 to:</p> <p>Boniface Udator, Environmental Studies/Support "A" California Department of Transportation District 8 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 1163 San Bernardino, CA 92401</p> <p>Comments may also be submitted at the Open Forum Public Hearing held at the Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum (Rt. 1, Box 23-B; Parker, Arizona 85344) located at 2nd and Mohave Road. The meeting will be on June 2, 2008 from 4:30pm- 8:00pm .</p>
CONTACT	<p>For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at (909) 383-4631. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the Public Affairs Office. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or (909) 383-6300.</p>

CRIT Administrative Assistants Recognized



Administrative Professionals Day was celebrated at CRIT on April 23. Mike Eigenbrodt, CRIT Human Resources Director, issued administrative leave authorizations and other prizes to lucky employees at the Professional Administrative Day luncheon. Here Rene Murdock, Diabetes Program receives her prize.

CRIT members lauded for language work

Recognition given for work to record and preserve Mohave, Chemehuevi

Amelia Flores and Johnny Hill received recognition for their work on their heritage languages, Mohave and Chemehuevi respectively, at the 6th Annual Yuman Language Summit in Barona, Calif. in April.

They were nominated by the CRIT Tribal Council and the Mohave Elders for the awards, which recognized them for their efforts in the



Amelia Flores



Johnny Hill

“revitalization, implementation and preservation of (his /her) tribal language.”

Each received a plaque presented from the Yuman Family Language Summit Committee and sub-steering committees which praised them for their endeavors and commitment.

Flores began working intensely with Mohave in the 1990s. She has taken it upon herself to receive specific training in linguistics through the American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI), which is held at the University of Arizona each June.

Flores recently received her Master's degree in Linguistics from the University of Arizona. Flores has been enrolled for just over a year in the Native American Master's Program which is offered through the Department of Linguistics. Her Masters thesis was a 90-page document which defines some specific aspects of the Mohave language and offers lesson plans for those who wish to teach the language.

Among her accomplishments are the

compiling and publishing of the Mohave and Chemehuevi coloring books through the CRIT Library.

In 1995, she worked with three elders (Joe Sharp, Ione Dock and Leona Little) on translations of Fox stories recorded by Emmet Van Fleet in the 1960s.

She has also begun teaching classes on Mohave. This work is important as the language is now very seriously endangered; the number of fully fluent speakers is quickly declining.

Johnny Hill learned Chemehuevi fluently from his grandmother, Mary Hill, who spoke no English.

He is one of only 4-5 fully fluent speakers of Chemehuevi left. He has been also been recently very involved with the University of Arizona in two grants aimed at documenting and revitalizing Chemehuevi.

He has been particularly hard at work creating a “talking” dictionary of Chemehuevi.

After the researchers compiled the words into a database, Hill worked through it to add sound recordings of the words he knew.

This project will be completed next year and the database will be given to the tribal library for easy access by the community (possibly also available on CDs).

In addition to this work, Hill has become a public spokesman for his language. He appeared in the movie, “The Linguists” which received attention at the Sundance Film Festival and also at the Arizona International Film Festival.

On both occasions, he was a panel member for discussions with the media and public about the film.

Congratulations to Hill and Flores for these awards. They have given tirelessly of their own time to support and advance the status of their languages.

CRIT Briefs

News from around the CRIT Reservation

Board openings still available

Membership seats are available for Liquor Control Board, Pesticide Control, and Parks & Recreation Committee.

All entities meet monthly unless otherwise described in their existing By Laws. All serve as sub-committees to the Tribal Council, so you are invited to get involved.

General eligibility requirements are: applicants must be tribal members, 21 years of age, reside on or within the reservation, and not be an employee or work in any capacity for department or enterprise that the Committee or Board oversees. Applications may be picked up at the CRIT Administration Offices. The deadline for selection of new members of the fourth cycle of advertisement is July 11 at 5 p.m. For all other details call (928) 669-1218.

Miss CRIT applications coming

The 2008-09 47th Annual Miss CRIT Royalty Board of Directors are gearing up for this year's pageant competitions for girls and young ladies from the ages 6-24, slated to take place along with CRIT's Native American Days celebration the first week in October.

Added to this year's program is a Mrs./Ms. MoChemHoNa 2008. The contest is open to women who are 60+ years of age and a tribal member. Contestants will be judged on, but not limited to, traditional dress modeling and traditional talent.

All applications will be available on July 7 with the deadline of August 29. This will allow for the month of September for practices and orientation. For more information, contact Valerie at (928) 669-1223.

New Honor Society members

The Wallace Junior High National Junior Honor Society inducted seven new members during a special ceremony on April 30.

The CRIT Library and JOM Department would like to congratulate Cameron Booth, Alayna Amador, Joshua Field, Ashely Harper, Kylie Lattin, Matthew Leivas, Christopher LeVie, Ashley Montgomery, Vanessa Olivares, Ryan Shatto, and Derek Yarbrough for their academic achievement. These individuals met the requirements of maintaining an 85 percent average in all classes plus demonstrating strong abilities in character, leadership and service. Congratulations to all the new members!

50th Anniversary planning underway

Several Tribal members and individuals from the town of Parker along with the staff have been meeting in the library to plan the Town's upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. This event is planned for October. If you would like more information or willing to volunteer to serve on the Planning Committee, please call the CRIT Library at (928) 669-1332.

Cute CRIT kids dominate June Photo Contest



Submit now, win in August

With a plethora of cute CRIT kids to choose from, it was one of the most difficult months ever for judging the *Manataba Messenger* Photo Contest. After much deliberation, here are the winners for June 2008:

First place went to Lindsey McCabe for her photo of son Salvador Julian Martinez-Rodriguez (above left). She will receive \$100 for her entry.

Second place goes to Tia Moore for her photo of niece Julia and daughter Jordyn (above right). She will receive \$50.

Third place goes to Erica James for her photo of daughter Cadence kissing her daddy, Brian, goodbye as he left for deployment after R&R (middle right). She will receive \$25 for her entry.

Honorable mentions go to:

- Elaine Tahbo Baran for her photo of Kobe Lee Baran (bottom right).

- Robin Ruiz for her photo of Michael Anthony Hill, a.k.a. "Woofee" (bottom left).

- Shaylyn Bedell for her photo of 3-month-old Leanna Chavez (opposite page top left).

- Ron Charles for his photo of Mariah Charles and Mohave Elders Mamie Harper and Priscilla Eswonia (opposite page top right).

- Michelle Maughan for her photo of Dailee Namoki Maughan (opposite page middle right).

- Arlinda Setoyant for her photo of Tyler F. Setoyant at the 2008 Fiesta Bowl (opposite page middle left).

- Melissa Booth for her photo of Keri Begaye (opposite page bottom left).

- Rayes Robledo for his photo of son Michael Breazzeal and friends at military graduation (opposite page bottom right).

The deadline for submissions for the August issue is July 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7144 E. Stetson Drive Suite 400, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, you may just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.








Birthdays, Graduations and Announcements



Graduations

- Mitchell Deysie — Congratulations! We are all so proud of you. The Anthony Stone, Jr. family, Tina, OJ and Chloe Short, Viola Stone family.
 - Wilimik Yazzie — Congratulations! We followed you through four years of basketball, cross-country and track and field events. We are at the top of your fan club. We are all so proud of your accomplishments! With much pride: Mom, Nykki, Tashina, Rochelle and Dad, Auntie Sonia's family, the Ameelyenah family, the Yazzie family.
 - Devin Nicos Ameelyenah, congratulations from your loving Momma Neola. We all love you from your family! Gawa Sonia, Lia, Adrian and Derrick. Great Gawa Viola Stone and your many uncles, aunties and cousins. Kindergarten here you come.
 - To our graduates Tayla Tahbo, Justin Howard, Shyla Rose Chavez, Frazell Chee, Jr., Kaylee Esquerra and Dusty Yazzie. We are so proud of each one of you for your accomplishments! Viola Stone family, Anthony Stone, Jr. family, LeAnne Stone family, Ansil Stone family, Patricia Stone family, Jon Ameelyenah family, Regino Ameelyenah family, The Yazzie family, Sonia Stone family.
 - Congratulations to Lauren Drennan for graduating from Parker High School. We are all proud of your accomplishments. We know you can succeed with whatever you set your mind to. We will all miss you when you are attending school in Wyoming. Love you, Grandma Linda.
 - I would like to say Stephen Michael Evans will be graduating 8th grade from Wallace Junior High. Great job! Also, Olivia Elizabeth Esquerra, Headstart Promotion, good luck in kindergarten at Le Pera. Way to Go Ollie! Thank you very Much, Richard Esquerra and Evans Family
 - I would like to congratulate my CRIT Head Start Graduate Miss Jazmine Jayde Bender. You make a momma proud! Now it's off to a new start to a bigger school. Love you lots — Mom.
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- Congratulations to my CRIT Head Start graduate Jazmine Bender! Nana & Tata love you lots.
- Congrats Jazi Jayde! Auntie Lynnis loves you very much. Keep up the good work!
- To my naughty-naughty Miss Jazmine Jayde Bender. Auntie Tomi congratulates you and loves you very much. I wish I was there!
- Tia Tina and Tio Steve love you very much! Congratulations to Jazmine Jayde Bender!
- To my Jazmine Jayde Bender (a.k..a. Tinky-Mamma). Congratulations to a new start! Nana Michele loves you very much.
- To: Eric (Parker High School) and Mary (Le Pera) Has No Horses. From: Your family. Congratulations and great job! We are very proud of you. Love you lots!
 - For My Little Brother D.J. I am so proud of you. I can't believe you are graduating high school already. The time has gone by so fast. I know that wherever you go to

school you will do great. I love you and will always be here for you when you need me. James and Jordyn say Congratulations and they love you too. — Tia

- Congratulations Raeanne Patch on receiving your Associates of Art Degree! Great 2008! From Jake and Julie. We love you. Best wishes from all of your family and we are proud you are taking the next step!
- Congratulations to Rayford Patch for successfully attaining his Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in Accounting. He is the current Department of Revenue and Finance Director. He graduated from Grand Canyon University on May 3. Your family is very proud of the challenge you took and are happy to celebrate your major accomplishment. Hopefully now we can have you spend more of your weekends and nights with us instead of you always doing homework.
- Congratulations to Robin Patch Tahbo for successfully attaining her Masters of Business Administration with emphasis in Accounting. She graduated from Grand Canyon University on May 3. Your whole family is very proud of your success and hard work. It does pay off in the end! We hope you will confidently accept a new and bright future that you deserve. No more late night weekends at the computer. Time to have funny mommy! Love, your kids and your whole family.
- Headstart Graduate Paul Begaye: Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, and sisters.



- Headstart Graduate Hunter Bachelor: Congratulations! From, Momma Ann, mom, dad, brother, and sister.
- Congratulations to Headstart Graduate, Mathew Ayden Flores! Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Brother Anthony.
- Guillermo "Billy" Eldred Escoto: Great Job and GOOD LUCK AT PARKER HIGH. Were very proud of you and your hard work. Keep it up. WATCH OUT PHS Wrestling team. LOVE from the gang from Second Ave. Grandma Kathy, Steph, Talyia, Sofia, Vikki, Narcisse, Carrigan, Gabby, Ernie, Baby Derrick, Faye, and Dana
- Narcisse Roger McCowan: Great Job and GOOD LUCK AT PARKER HIGH. We're proud of you and your hard work. Keep it up. Love from the gang at Second Ave. Grandma Kathy, Steph, Talyia, Sofia, Ernie, Baby Derrick, Faye, and Dana, MOM Vikki, Carrigan, and Gabby.
- May 15 — Congratulations Samson Lomayesva. We love you with all our hearts. Love Dad, Mom, Eythan, Marilyn and Monroe.
- May — Congratulations Lyndsey Evanston, Shadi, Xavier Yazzie, Sharolyn Robertson, Amorey Scott, Ty Fisher, Spike Fisher and Celeste Swich. Love Kevin, Clare, Samson, Eythan, Marilyn and Monroe.
- Congratulations to Spike Brown, Headstart Class of 2008! We are proud of you!
- To Tiffany Jackson: Congratulations on finally graduating. From Berdette and Daphnee, Terry, Robert, Judi and Michael, nephew and nieces on May 27.
- To Dixie McCowan, congratulations on your graduation. From Auntie Berdette and cousins.

- Congratulations Tiffany "Bugga Boo" "My Tinsy Thights" Jackson. I knew you could do it! You make me so proud in all you do. And I will always be here to give you that nudge or to pick you up when you feel you can't strive. You are a very special child. I'll be here when you graduate from high school. Love you very much!

— MOM (Lela)

- Tayla H. Tahbo, Parker High School senior grad. Dad, Mouse, Sun, & Gramma Lil would like to wish you continued success. You have skills, but should you ever falter you know we'll always be there for you.



- Lorenzo "Sun" Tahbo, Jr. and Halle Duncan, congratulations on your promotions, you two make us very proud. From Gramma Lil, Tayla, Dad/Uncle Randy, and Mom/Auntie Mouse. "One Love."



- Lia-Sage Welsh, "You're awesome!" Sage, you should be very proud of yourself. YOU did it, despite all the obstacles you managed to stay on course and achieve your diploma. Stay strong, we love you with all our hearts. From Gramma Lil, Auntie Mouse and Uncle Randy, Sun, and Tay. You Rock!



- Christopher Tahbo — Uncle Randy, Auntie Mouse, Cousins Tayla, Lorenzo & Gramma Lil want you to "break a leg" at high school next year. No really, hope your leg does heal strong and we want to see you on the football field. Congrats on your promotion.
- Christian Joy Booth (CRIT tribal member) will be graduating from Captain John High School in Hoopa, California (Northern CA) on June 6, 2008. She is the daughter of Garrick Booth (from Parker, AZ & a CRIT tribal member) and Bernita Simpson (from Carson City, NV & a Washoe Tribal member). After graduation she plans on join the Hoopa AmeriCorps on Native Lands program for a Education award to attend college or she plans on taking classes at the local College of the Redwoods. Congratulations from Mom, Dad and your family.

Father's Day

- Happy Father's Day to my dad, Mondo Barley. *A Dad is a person who is loving and kind, And often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends! He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go wrong, A dad can be patient and helpful and strong, In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part. There's always a place for him deep in your heart. (Author Unknown)*

CDO Congratulates Grads

The Career Development Office is proud to announce CRIT 2007-2008 graduates:

- Ludina Burrue (Yazzie), IIA, Medical Assistant, Diploma
- Laura Evans (Mitchell), Arizona State University, Fine Arts-Dance, Bachelor Degree
- Michael Hill, Arizona Automotive Institute,

HVAC-R, Associate Degree

- Genean Harper, Brown Mackie College, Associates Degree
- Darrin Holmes, Jr., Arizona Automotive Institute, Automotive Technology, Diploma
- Deanna Patch, ITT Technical Institute, Information Systems Security, Bachelor Degree
- Jason Patch, University of Phoenix, Business Administration, Bachelor Degree

- Raeanne Patch, Arizona Western College, Associate Degree
- Rayford Patch, Grand Canyon University, Accounting, Masters Degree
- Roston Short, ITT Technical Institute, Game Design, Associate Degree
- Alice Tahbo, Palo Verde College, LPN
- Robin Tahbo (Patch), Grand Canyon University, Accounting, Masters Degree



Birthdays, Graduations and Announcements



Thank you Daddy..for listening and caring, for giving, and sharing, but especially for just being you!
Happy Father's Day! XOXO Livvy

Birthdays

- May 19: Happy Birthday Jacquie. You have had a great year and wish you many more. I am very proud of you for returning to school. Love you, Mom.
- May 21: Happy Birthday Metric. You have been my sunshine. Have a great day and may it overflow into the entire year. Love you, Mom.
- May 31. Happy Birthday Sweetheart. May your special day be filled with happiness. Love, :)
- Birthday wishes to Tyla "TB" Laffoon (June 24), XOXO Auntie Livvy, Ed, and Jordan.
- Happy Birthday to Lucas "Jo Jo" Tahbo — 1st Birthday. From your family.
- May 14 — Happy Birthday Azalea Evanston. XOXO Kevin, Clare, Samson, Eythan, Marilyn and Monroe.
- June 30 — Happy 4th Birthday to Eythan Lomayesva. We love you with all our hearts. Love Dad, Mom, Samson, Marilyn and Monroe.
- July — Happy Birthday Grandma Millie. We love you, Kevin, Clare, Samson, Eythan, Marilyn and Monroe.
- I would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Belinda Setoyant on May 9, and Terrillynn "Spike" Brown on May 14. I love you!
- I would like to wish Happy 4th Birthday to my beautiful daughter Azalea Briann Evanston on May 14. Daddy loves you and misses you. Love, Dad.
- I would like to wish a Happy 4th Birthday to my naughty niece Azalea Briann Evanston. Keep being naughty. Love, Uncle Willie L.
- May 14 — Happy Birthday Azalea Briann Evanston. Love, Uncle Rusty F.
- April 27 — To my Baby Boy Julian — Happy Birthday son. I love you with all my heart forever and always. Love, Daddy.
- May 20 — Happy Birthday Jolene Ameelyenah.
- All the way from Mesa, Arizona... Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Gregory Fisher! A lot of hugs and kisses your way! God Bless You and keep you by his side now and forever! I love you GREG!
- Happy Birthday to Jannella Kaye Little on May 15.
- Happy 3rd Birthday to Josiah Thomas Hicks on June 11.
- Happy 1st Birthday to Nevaeh Omani Hicks on July 9. From your Little Family here in Parker
"Grandma Janet" Janet Mae Wilson
"Great Uncle" Milton Little
"Auntie Jackie" Jacqueline Little Stone
"Uncle Jay" Teddy Jay Stone

Anniversaries

- HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY (June 25) – MISSY ASPA SAUNE & JOSHUA SAUNE. They have been married 20 years now and in today's world...that (to me) is a very long time!

Thank you mama and daddy for teaching us all we know. Your continued guidance is a spotlight in our lives as we begin to make our way out into the "world." With much love... your children, Noconi, Zoyla, Sheyava and Athalia.



Awards

Taylor Marie Gonzalez has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Arizona Pageant, to be held July 18 and 19 at the beautiful Doubletree Resort in Scottsdale.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1000.00 cash award, the official crown and banner a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the National Pageant at Disneyland in California.

Taylor is a 12 years old and member of CRIT. She has competed in many local pageants and was crowned Little Miss PIRA when she was 5 years old and crowned Jr. Miss La Paz County for 2007-08.



Taylor attends Wallace Elementary and is in the 6th grade. She has been on Principal's Honor Roll every quarter this year and has received various awards and sits on the Student Council and has been on the local program Spotlight for her achievements. Taylor would one day like to attend Stanford University.

Taylor would like to thank the CRIT Tribal Council, Career Development, Education Department, and family and friends for sponsoring her in the National American Miss Pageant.

Announcement

I would like to say to my son "Congratulations" and we love you.

It was March 21 I received an invitation to attend my son's graduation in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. I said, Okay Lord, I have been obedient and walking your path. I told my kids, we have to come up with \$1,500 for all of us, round trip and motel. But when time got closer, rates went up to \$3,000. So I explained to my kids, and Roman and Mia were cool and said "We didn't want to miss AIMS testing anyway." I sat at night, crying, but I guess all parents, single or not, go through this. With love for their children, wanting the best for them.

In order to come up with \$1,500 and spending money, we collected aluminum cans, had frybread sales, and took donations. When we got there, it was cold, windy and raining. But we did videotape Mike's graduation and took pictures of Missouri.

To my son, Michael Déloy "Diamond" Breazzeal (Su Mach Ahót — One Who Goes Through Many Trials):

When I watched you on that stage, the tears were coming down so hard and fast. I was thinking, "Look at my Diamond." When you were 13 years old, you got a job. You managed to keep your grades up and still managed to play sports. You never got in trouble on the streets or at home. Always telling me to knock it off. Thank you Mike for all the right choices you have made.

While I was out and about, when I didn't have myself straight, you told me "Mom, we have been through a lot, just like the others, but we don't have to act like it." And you said, "Mom, you did alright and raised a fine young man," that you forgave me. I said I know we never had much, but we have something better, "family." Son, our blessings are here and still pouring down, see what happens when you follow Jesus.

Son, always put God first and believe in all you do. You can't go wrong.

To anyone who has ever helped me and my kids, many blessings and thank you.

Sincerely, The Robledo Family: Rayes, Roshanda, Mike, Mia, Yasmine and Roman.

In Memory

- In loving memory of my Ocar Mother (Mama), whom God called home so suddenly 5 1/2 years ago.

Though you have gone before me, sweet memories still remain and each becomes more treasured with the passing of the years. I long to see you smile again and gently clasp your hand, but cherish precious memories until we meet in the Promised Land.

I miss Mom. I know that you are looking over me. Always. — Russell Scott

- In loving memory of Barry G. Setoyant — Dec. 26, 1986-March 21, 2007.

It has been a year since you have past on and I still find it hard to think about you. I love you so much and I miss the sound of your laughter. I thought that time would help my heart heal but it seems to have made things harder because I want so much for you to be here and experience the ups and downs that life takes us on. I still have anger for you leaving us so soon, but you always had your own way of doing things and I must respect that. I find some peace in the fact that I know where you are and that you are without pain. Once again I miss you, I love you and look out for those of us who are here because it is a fight everyday to keep things together.

With all my love and respect, Auntie Joey

- In memory of Jefford Pat Pablo, grew up on Burns Road and was known to friends as "Casper," attended Parker High Schools then obtained his GED through the CRIT Education Department. Jefford born to Alberta June Schofield and Jeffrey Pablo Lopez on May 30, 1958, descends from Mohave Clan Neolch through maternal grandfather Pat Jason Schofield and Chemehuevi Eagle Clan through maternal grandmother, Bessie Waco. Jefford was employed at Westates for many years until he injured his back, and is survived by his daughters, Janice Pablo, JShon Pablo and Jazmin Smith, his son Justice Smith, and sister Alice Tahbo, Jennifer Pablo and Orlinda Pablo.

A lover of theme parks and movies, Jefford would spontaneously load up his children and take a drive to California to experience Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Sea World, Knotts Berry Farm and touring all Arizona could offer. He enjoyed taking the family to Laughlin to watch the latest movies and shop. While cruising with Dad, girls listened to his music, Black Sabbath and Grand Funk Railroad, a.k.a. Foot Stompin' Music to name a few. On April 1, my brother took his final journey while sleeping, in the home of Patty Leivas and friend Manuel who I want to thank with all my heart. Kind-hearted, friendly and easy to get along with, Uncle Jefford will always be remembered for his respect and love toward his nieces and nephews. If there were more people like Jefford, the world would be a better place. Although he will be missed greatly I take comfort in knowing that he has rejoined my Mother and Brother Tino and that the separation is only temporary.

The family wants to extend its appreciation to the following people for their help during our loss: Larry Eddy and Bonita Stevens, Chemehuevi Singers, Stacey Drennan, Sam Evanston and the Bird Singers, Marlo, Quechan singer, Mathew and Iris Leivas, Laverne Mahkee, Christopher Sharp, Nora Vasquez, Valerie Welsh Tahbo, CRIT Museum, friend Jessie Swick, Ava Miller, Jeniece Smith, Maricella Quijada, Pastors Sheldon and Vance Swick, Debra Allen, Laura of LBJ, Patty Leivas and Manuel Leivas. — Alice Tahbo

CDO now accepting applications for adult ed programs

The Career Development Office is currently taking Higher Education and AVT applications for the 2008-2009 academic year, which begins in August 2008. The deadline to submit paperwork is June 30.

The Higher Education Program is designed for students pursuing an Associate (Arts or Science), Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree.

There are a number of paperwork requirements necessary for the Higher Education Program. If you should have any questions regarding the process, please contact our office.

The Adult Vocational Training (AVT) Program is designed for students pursuing a Certificate, Diploma, or an Associate of Applied Science degree. Again, those interested in applying should contact the Career Development Office.

The whole application process can take up to 4-6 weeks, therefore, the sooner you start it, the better. Incomplete/late applications will not be accepted.

Students currently enrolled in Higher Education or AVT Programs are eligible for the following incentives:

- Computer allowance for sophomore, junior, senior, and graduate students in good standing. Student fills out application and school verifies standing (i.e. sophomore, junior, etc.) and submits to CDO.
- Academic incentive for students who have been named to Honor Roll, Dean’s List, President’s List, Perfect Attendance (AVT). Student turns in certificates received to CDO no later than the end of the current term.

Other Programs Offered include the following:

- Direct Employment: Available to Tribal members who have recently been hired in new job areas in permanent, full-time positions. Eligible participants are given one-time stipend until first paycheck. Also, for those already employed who need certification, training, etc. to maintain current employment assistance is given as well.

Funding is limited and issued on first come, first served basis.

- Youth Programs: Available to Tribal member students between 8-21 years old for academic enhancement, such summer academic camps, youth leadership conferences, or exchange programs. Student must have a 2.50 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). Funding is limited and issued on first come, first served basis.

- Boarding School: Our office process boarding school applications and issues clothing allowances for students accepted into boarding school.

- Summer School: There will be no summer school funding this year.

For more information on any program, please contact Career Development Office at (800) 809-6207 or visit www.crit-cdo.com.

Education Banquet rewards hard work



Angel Townsend shows off her new stole.

On May 22, the 27th Annual Education Banquet at the Bluewater Resort and Casino, hosted by the Education Department and MC’ed by Councilwoman Daphne Hill-Poolaw, spotlighted the accomplishments of K-8 students with perfect attendance, honor roll and principal’s honor roll (straight As) for at least two quarters. Students who received their GED, Ombudsman, adult vocational training certificates as well as college and university diplomas, were also honored.

This year, Education introduced stoles for the high school graduates — to be worn with their cap and gowns (pictured). Keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Sorenson of the STAR School in Leupp, has been advising the Tribes regarding a potential tribal charter school.

The father/daughter combination of Ray Patch and Robin Tahbo were guest speakers. Both received Masters of Business Administration degrees and shared their experiences of working full time while pursuing degrees.

Students who were unable to attend can contact the Education Department at (928) 669-8831 for their awards and a program.

Graduates, Perfect Attendance & Honor Roll

The following CRIT students were recognized by the Parker Unified School District for perfect attendance or the school Honor Roll. Congratulations to all the children and their families!

Perfect Attendance — 3 Times

Blake Primary

Titus Warner

Wallace Elementary

Nina Drennan
Cassidy Martinez
Carrigan McCowan

Wallace Junior High

Bow Evanston
Vanessa Olivares
Brie Miller

Le Pera Elementary

Domingo Esquerra
Hanavaa Esquerra
Lorena Flores
Latoya Harper
William Howard
Marcus Tuchawena

Honor Roll — 2 Times

Wallace Elementary

Julia Scott
Mariah Sharpe
Darian Flores
Riley Fisher
Jayann Peck
Adrianna Stevens
Olivia Miller
Becky Hunter

Roman Robledo
Kristian Nopah
Jeramicha Sands
Nikolas Hooper Torres
Joseph Santiago
Kendra Cooper
Danielle Gonzales

Wallace Junior High

Alayna Amador
Raymond Gomez
Olivia Humeumtewa
Tara Fernandez
Anthony Honadick

Le Pera Elementary

Jessica Moore
Ashley Nez
Lisa Logan
Domingo Esquerra
Cameron Booth
Jamil Gary

Principal's Honor Roll – 2 Times

Wallace Elementary

Stacia Scott
Cassandra Miller
Taylor Gonzalez-Bush
Lainee Scott
Tianna Robledo

Le Pera Elementary

Guillermo Escoto
Brandi Scott

Graduates

Parker High School

Angel Townsend
Celeste Swick
David Moore

Dustin Yazzie
Eric Has No Horses
Frank Drennan
Jaymee Moore
Joanna McCowan
Lauren Drennan
Lia Welsh
Lillian Hunter
Richard Evans
Sara Humeumtewa
Secilee Hooper
Staci Mitchell
Tahnee Sharp
Tayla Tahbo
Teresa Spivey
Tristin Haprer
WiliMik Yazzie
Dixie McCowan

GED Graduates

Darwin Welsh
Rafaila Vasquez
Julie Abner
Quentin Sharp
Larry Lee Jr.
Harry Moses III
Julianna Escobar
Taylor Goodman
Damen Mahkee
April White
Jimi White

Omdudsman Graduates

Deron Fisher
Michael Morris
Tiffany Serrano
Tiffany Moses
Robert Flores
Tim Stillman
Ortensia Yazzie
Mitchell Deysie

High school students get to experience Tribal government



Parker High seniors participate in Youth Day, a day set aside for graduating high school seniors to take leadership roles in government and/or private businesses of CRIT, Town of Parker and LaPaz County. Pictured are sworn-in council members (seated): Jaymee Moore (Secretary), Secilee Hooper (Vice-Chairwoman), Wilmik Yazzie (Chairman), Angel Townsend (Treasurer). (Standing): Josh Banuelos, Tahnee Sharpe, Jordan Stroud (appointed by this council), Richard Evans and Tayla H. Tahbo.

Tribal Land Available for Lease

**Contact Herman Laffoon
at CRIT Realty Services
(928) 669 - 6800 Ext.223**

CRIT will have approximately 7,500 acres of developed agricultural lands available for lease on January 1, 2009. All bids should be received no later than July 31, 2008. Interested parties will be asked to provide credit score, three trade references (Alfalfa/Wheat or Cotton Brokers, Dairy Representatives, Banks or Lenders etc.) and three industry (Helena Chem., Western Farms, John Deere, etc.) references. Tribal agricultural leases are generally written for a term of five calendar years. Bidding is a sealed bid process and should be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General.

Office of the Attorney General
Colorado River Indian Tribes
26600 Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344
Attn.: Eric Shepard

All lands are flood irrigated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs providing Operation & Maintenance of the delivery system. Irrigation O&M is \$47.00 per acre and provides for an initial water allotment of 5.75 acre feet; this is paid in two equal payments split in January and July. Excess water is assessed by the acre foot at the rate of \$17.00 per acre foot.

Please contact CRIT Realty Services at (928) 669-6800 for a map of lease lands available and/or additional information.

Class gets visit from Toltecs



Norma Ray's fourth grade class at LePera School recently had a visit from the Toltecs. This ancient tribe from deep in Mexico "visited" and shared corn, turquoise, and even the fluteplayer Kokopelli. The tribes of CRIT were introduced to many of their foods through such traders over 1,000 years ago.

Corn, beans, squash, pumpkins and melons — staples of Colorado River agriculture — were brought from the south.

The travelers would enter camps ritually, a musician in front playing the flute to represent peace and fertility. Other traders would follow, showing off their many wares. Petroglyphs — rock scratchings —

reveal the various ways culture was shared.

The CRIT Education Department offers programs on the culture of the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Navajo and Hopi to students in the Parker School District to help tribal members become more aware of their past and the whole class more appreciative of these unique histories. Students are invited to act out certain events and archival photos are shown to give them a sense of what life was truly like before Europeans changed lifeways forever. For more information on having your student's class participate, contact Dr. Cravath at (928) 669-8831.

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SOLDIER,
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"But he did get to do what he wanted to do in his life."
 On behalf of CRIT, Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. offered condolences and best wishes to the Deysie family.
 "It is with great sadness that the Colorado River Indian Tribes offers its deepest condolences to the Deysie family," he said.
 "Pfc. Deysie clearly served his country proudly

and honorably, and made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country and preserve our freedom. CRIT members have a proud history of service to America, and Pfc. Deysie is another in a long line of soldiers we all admire. Our community mourns the loss of Tyler Deysie and offers its heartfelt best wishes to his family."
 Deysie's MySpace page was flooded with tributes after news of his passing was published in *The Arizona Republic* and other media outlets. More than 100 people left comments and condolences on a tribute page on the paper's web site for Deysie.

RED SOX,
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Forrest McCabe was one of the CRIT members who attended and participated in the festivities. McCabe accompanied his cousin, Shawna, onto the field for her performance of the flag song and the national anthem as part of the Color Guard for the day.
 He said it was a great experience for everyone who attended from CRIT, and an incredible opportunity for him personally. McCabe has been serving our country in Iraq, and is set to go back into duty soon.

"It was my first time seeing Jacoby play in the big leagues, because I've been in Iraq," he said. "It was an awesome experience, with Fenway Park and all the family being there that I hadn't seen in a long time."
 "It was good to see Jacoby play and good to see many of my relatives I hadn't seen in a long time," he said.
 McCabe also expressed his gratitude to CRIT for helping with some of the travel expenses. The CRIT contingent included Forrest McCabe, Sheila McCabe, Cherie McCabe, Penni McCabe, Landis Begay, Adarius Begay, Margie McCabe, Matthew Ellsbury, Emily Allison, Tammy Allison, Deanna Allison, Tyisha Mitchell and Bronson Mitchell.

How's Jacoby Ellsbury Doing?



Jacoby Ellsbury

Stats as of May 20, 2008

Games Played	41 (out of 47)
At Bats	134
Batting Average	.276
Home Runs	3
Runs Batted In	16
Stolen Bases	18 (2nd in the American League)
Runs Scored	35 (2nd in the American League)



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